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TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JULY, 1997

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CLUB INFORMATION

TARC MEETINGS :	**Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building.**
TARC NETS:	**VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910**
	FRIENDSHIP - Thursdays at 1830 hrs. ao146.910
	MOSQUITO - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC REPEATERS:	**VHF - 146.910 and146.970. UHF 444.150**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, most of you will be talking about next year's Field Day activities. We are always seeking ways and means by which we can improve our operations and make it more fun for all. Many thanks to Warren, KS4GP for chairing the TARC Field Day exercise. Warren always does a great job on any assignment. By the way, he may have his new AF4E? call sign by the time you receive this.

At our club meeting on June 23, I had intended to ask for a volunteer to chair this year's TARC Hamfest. Since I did not do this, if there is no objection, I will volunteer to be this year's hamfest CHAIRPERSON. As you know, the date for this event is November 8, 1997. As of today the following chairpersons have been filled:
TABLE SALES: Clyde Lee K4EOS. 267-9375
TAIL GATE: Bill Simano KT4CQ
FOOD/REFRESHMENTS: Sherry KF4HTC

The following chairpersons are needed:
PARKING
PRIZES/PRIZE TICKETS
COMMUNICATIONS/TALK-IN
SECURITY
TABLE SET-UP (night before)
EQUIPMENT (public address set-up & removal)
PUBLICITY (signs made & distributed)
FACILITY SECURED (at close down of Hamfest)

Throughout the years TARC's club members and non-members have participated and supported the functions of our club without due recognition. Make no mistake. You and your support is the reason for our success.

If you would like to chair any of the above listed functions, please give me a call and I'll insert your name in that position. Of course it goes without saying that if you do not wish to head up an event, your support to the team captains is needed and appreciated. (see page 2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

JUL. 1 KF4GNZ SANARA LEWIS
JUL. 3 KE4OWJ DAVID BURDICK
JUL. 4 N1YXL THOMAS KELLY
JUL. 8 W3NMB HOLLAND STARKEY
JUL. 9 KD4JBL WILLIE WILLIAMS
JUL. 9 KD4RQS JOHN WOOLEY
JUL. 10 KS4DW CLARA LARRABEE
JUL. 11 KF4IGN DORIS GIONET
JUL. 14 W2TRX WALTER FANTON
JUL. 17 KB4WLT KEN WATSON
JUL. 17 KE4OZD DANNY BURDICK
JUL. 17 KF4IGP JOANNA BLUM
JUL. 23 KT4UD LEONARD ZBIENGIEN
JUL. 24 KE4AGH VERN ANDREWS
JUL. 25 KE4AEF HOWARD McNITT
JUL. 25 AD4VU DAN WOOD
JUL. 27 KF4NKL ROE WEAVER
JUL. 27 AE4CB DAVID HURST
JUL. 28 KF4IGB PAT WIDICK
JUL. 28 KE4AGM RICHARD LASURE
JUL. 29 WA4CUO BILL HOSKINSON
JUL. 30 WD8JLT BRIAN SONNENBERG

**MY THANKS
TO ALL OF YOU FOR
YOUR BEST WISHES DURING
MY BROKEN LEG
RECOVERY PERIOD
SANDY, KE4TQZ**

(from page 1) The JAYCEES will present the largest Fourth of July fire works show ever on Friday night at 9:15 on Spider Island. just south of the Max Brewer Memorial Pkwy out in the middle of the Indian River. TARC will be supporting the JAYCEES in this annual event. Each year many of the TARC members gather on the East side of the bridge, park along the water front and enjoy a lot of story telling. Why not plan to be there and participate in the many world decisions that will be made right there in the midst of this gathering. For your comfort bring along a folding chair. If you don't have one, or if you forget, you can sit on the tail gate with me.

The June TARC meeting had a very good turn out and we all appreciate and extend our thanks to all who provided the delicious refreshments. 73's Bud

BUNNY HUNTS IN THE LAND "DOWN UNDER"

By John Munsey KB3GK

While in Australia I had the opportunity to hunt with the Melbourne hunters on March 21st. We have heard and read about the wild "pedal to the metal" driving and hunting by those hunters in Melbourne, Australia, but I can assure you that nothing you have ever read comes close to the truth. Those guys are really fast and furious hunters. Some of the "rules" I learned are:

1. Speed limits are the minimum speed to be driven.
2. Stop signs apply only to non-drivers.
3. The wrong side of the divided highway is the way to go if it is a bit closer to where you want to go.
4. Closed Road signs mean the fox may be in there, so check it out.
5. "Keep Out" posted signs mean the fox may be just the other side, so cross the area and see!!

>The first hunt started at 8:00 PM. The driver looks straight ahead - no right or left checking. The twister, wearing headphones, calls out the

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IN A PINCH, MORSE CODE CAN STILL COME IN HANDY. IT'S LIKE A CANDLE WHEN THE ELECTRICITY GOES OUT.

From W5YI REPORT 6/15/97

By Stephen A. Arata

(this individual is apparently not a ham)

ED.NOTE: One of our readers sent the following clipping to us. This copyrighted "opinion editorial" appeared in the Saturday, April 5, edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Stephen A. Arate, an Army lieutenant colonel, teaches military science at Hofstra University.

All of the electricity in my house went out not long ago. When we tried to turn on our two flashlights, we discovered that the batteries were dead. We finally went to the emergency drawer in the kitchen and pulled out some candles and matches. By the candles' light, dinner was finished, homework was completed, and stories were told. By that same candlelight, I read a magazine article about the gradual phasing out of the supposedly antiquated system of Morse Code.

>I thought, with a great sense of irony, that those who wished to do away with Morse Code probably didn't have any candles in an emergency drawer somewhere.

>The U.S. Coast Guard abandoned Morse in 1995. At midnight this past Jan. 31, France ended its use for maritime communication. And the system faces global maritime extinction by February 1999.

>Still, debate continues on the seas and over the airwaves about Morse. Many say it's an outdated vehicle for communication and has no place in today's high-tech world. There are, they add, faster, more powerful and more advanced means available for communication, particularly in the maritime and ham radio world. On the seas, vessels from nations that have signed the Safety of Life at Sea Treaty carry state-of-the-art equipment that allows shipboard communications officers to send emergency calls automatically. The Global Maritime Distress and Safety System uses a satellite-relayed signal that gives search teams a ship's precise location anytime. Moreover, the Federal Communications Commission now endorses, for the first time in history, a technician-class ham radio license that does not require a Morse Code test.

>Is Morse signing off? No! Although many believe it is out of date, Morse is still very necessary, just like a candle in the age of electricity. The code was invented by Samuel F.B.Morse in the 19th century. On May 24, 1844, Morse sent a message using a wire, a battery and two telegraph machines, one in Baltimore and one in Washington. His message, "What hath God wrought?" ushered in the modern era of communication. In our era, despite what the "experts" say, Morse is still a viable means of communication. It is still widely used, although not so frequently as before. In the maritime industry, where English is the international language, Morse is a simple and concise way to communicate ship-to-ship or ship-to-shore.

>We are all familiar with the meaning of "SOS". However, there are many others. For example "AC means "Abandoning my vessel". Shore stations around the world, using signal lamps, still flash Morse signals to approaching foreign ships to learn their intentions. Navy and merchant vessels, also using lamps, still use Morse signals in convoy while running under radio silence. Even in Hollywood, the code has its merits. In the recent thriller, Executive Decision, Kurt Russell led a team of Navy Seals on board an airliner in flight to subdue a group of terrorists. Believing Russell's team had failed, the president sent Navy jets to destroy the airliner. But Russell had only lost voice communication and was able to tap out a Morse message on the plane's tail. Luckily for him, Navy pilots still have to learn Morse. The attack was averted and Russell "survived" to play "Snake" in Escape from L. A.

>Morse Code facilitates our ability to communicate with one another. It is another option that is efficient and reliable in an emergency when the ability to communicate with words - whether face to face or across a distance - fails us. Morse is a great candle that we should continue to keep in our emergency drawer, just in case.

WANTED

INFORMATION
AS TO THE IDENTITY
OF THE PERSON SHOWN BELOW

THE FACTS AS KNOWN

1. THE PICTURE IS QUITE OLD, WHICH MEANS THAT THE PERSON IS NO SPRING CHICKEN.

2. HE IS A HAM AND A MEMBER OF TARC.

3. HE IS WELL KNOWN TO A LOT OF YOU.

IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON, CONTACT K4CWG, BUD HUGHES AT 267-3450

VOLUNTEER PROTECTION LEGISLATION PASSED BY CONGRESS

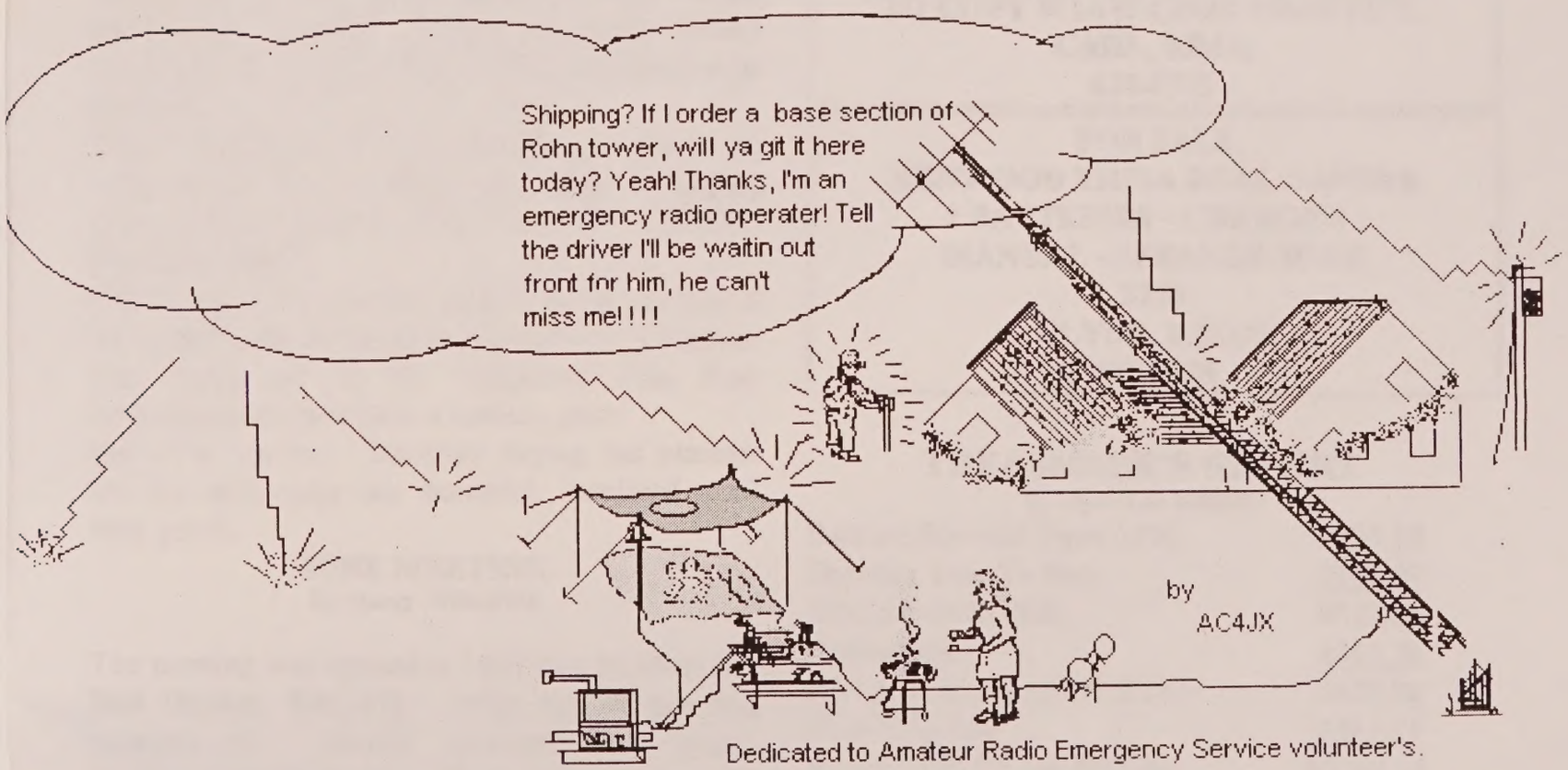
From W5YI Report 6/15/97

After more than ten years of trying, the 105th Congress has finally agreed on the wording of a law to free individual volunteers - both those who serve the public and organization board members, from most liability actions (such as a simple accident, oversight or omission) related to their unpaid service to any not-for-profit or governmental organization.

A federal bill called the "Volunteer Protection Act" has been pending for several years which seeks to limit the personal liability of volunteers providing humanitarian assistance to the public. The growing reluctance of private citizens to volunteer for fear of lawsuits triggered interest in this legislation which would shield volunteers from unreasonable and costly lawsuits.

In a recent Gallup survey, one-in-six volunteers reported withholding their services for fear of being sued. About one-in-ten nonprofit groups reported the resignation of a volunteer over the threat of liability.

Once the legislation becomes law, you will not be as likely to be sued as a result of any harm unintentionally caused to someone else, if your actions were part of your responsibilities as a volunteer working on behalf of a local, state or federal government agency or a non-profit organization.


Shipping? If I order a base section of Rohn tower, will ya git it here today? Yeah! Thanks, I'm an emergency radio operater! Tell the driver I'll be waitin out front for him, he can't miss me!!!!
by
AC4JX
Dedicated to Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteer's.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Clara KE4YQL
(Pike W4EPU took the month off)

HOW TO GET A NEW BACK PORCH

First you buy a hot tub. Next you install it on your concrete slab on the back of the house. You fill it with water, heat it, and treat it.

After two months of nightly enjoyment, you decide you don't like all those people flying those little airplanes at night, looking down on you. Who knows, there may even be a UFO watching you also.

So.....you decide to build a porch to enclose the hot tub. But wait. You have to greatly enlarge the concrete slab before you start the porch. That brings you in contact with a building permit and weekly visits from the building inspector. Weeks later, the beautiful screened porch is finished, complete with carpet, ceiling fans, light fixtures and nice porch furniture.

And yet, there is still something wrong. Even though the fan is going full speed, the porch is too hot to enjoy. Back to the drawing board. Install insulation and ceiling tiles. That solves the heat problem.

Meanwhile, make sure the hot tub is ready to go when we are. So, drain the tub. Forgot to unplug power outlet, so heat cycle kicked on.....TOTAL MELT DOWN!

Picture this. How do you remove a hot tub from a back porch that has been built around it? I suppose one could call in the neighbors with their sledgehammers and have a bashing party.

But all is not lost. Everyday during the summer we can still enjoy our beautiful, insulated, cool back porch.

JUNE MEETING

By Marty WD4JNM

The meeting was opened at 1905 hrs. by President Bud Hughes, K4CWG. After the Pledge and moment of silence, members and guests introduced themselves. There were 52 present.

June birthdays were recognized by Bill W2SDB playing "Happy Birthday" on his harmonica.

KE4SEK told about the Traders Net he is starting on Monday nights at 1800/1830 hrs on 146.910.

KD4CBT asked for communications help at the July Fourth fireworks display.

KS4GP asked the club for $50 to buy a rotator and 10 mtr. beam for field day activities. It was approved by a show of hands. He also told about plans for field day and asked that all members come out and participate. He said that the city school bus would be at the field day location, and asked that members look at it and make suggestions for its modification.

KE4ZPA mentioned the CPR class and passed around a pad for members to sign up . You will be advised when this class will be held.

New members Sandra Lyons and KF4QIP Michael Albro were voted into the club.

WANTED

INEXPENSIVE HF XCVR
TO COPY W1AW CODE PRACTICE.
CARL, KF4JI
632-5735

FOR SALE
KENWOOD TH78A DUAL BANDER
2 BATTERIES - CHARGER -
MANUAL - SPEAKER MIKE
$250
CLYDE, K4EOS
267-9375

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Clyde Lee K4EOS

Balance Forward From 1996	5703.59
Deposits Year To Date	3337.07
TOTAL INCOME	**9040.66**
Expenditures	4382.78
BALANCE AS AT 06/27/97	**4657.88**
FEMA Escrow	2363.75
BALANCE-CLUB FUNDS	**$2294.13**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 281 (204 regular, 71 family, 6 honorary)

NEW MEMBERS:
W1KBI ROBERT BRINK
W9KBV BILL GIBBONS
KF4SEL ROBERT COHEN

RENEWALS:
KE4AGM CLARENCE LASURE
WB4AXB ART BURSCH
KV4BY CLARENCE BAUER
KT4CQ BILL SAMANO
KC4CWG BUD HUGHES
KF4HTC SHERRY HUGHES
KH6GH ART ZIPPLER
KS4GP WARREN MURRAY
KD4LGI MIKE JACOBSON
W9LSD DICK DUELL
KE4MFW WALLY GENTRY
W4NMB HOLLAND STARKEY
AD4PP G. MOSKOVITZ
KC4WGU MIKE HENSLEY
KE4YQH KEITH KISER
KD4ZAI WALT HOLLOWELL
KE4ZPA JOHN RENNINGER
KF4LTV PAT RENNINGER

HAMFESTS:

08/2-3	Jacksonville
09/21	New Port Richey
10/11	Tampa
11/01	Sorrento
11/08	Titusville
11/22-23	Tampa
12/6	Okeechobee
12/6	Ocala
12/13	Lake City

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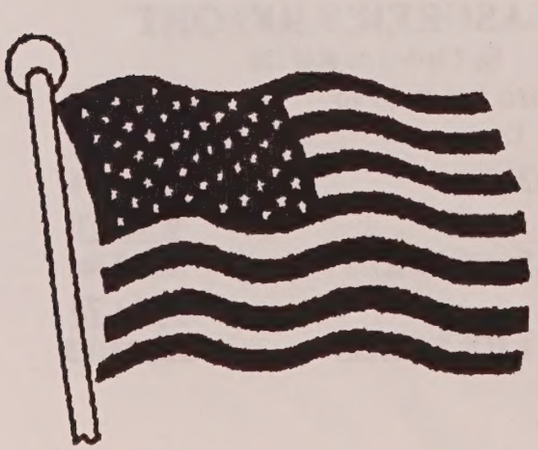

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